off-load the remaining 26 per cent Government stake in the Modern Foods Industries Limited (MFIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the BIFR to which the company was referred last year as a sick company has not announced its verdict as yet; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government has decided to disinvest 26% of its equity held in Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. (MFIL) in favour of the Strategic Partner, Hindustan Lever Limited (HLL) at the rate at which 74% of MFIL's shares were transferred to HLL in terms of the Share Purchase Agreement and Shareholders Agreement with HLL.

(c) and (d) Since the accumulated losses of MFIL at the end of the financial year 1999-2000 resulted in the erosion of more than 50% of its peak net worth during the immediately preceding four financial years, MFIL had to file a report of this erosion with the BIFR as per the provisions of Sick Industries Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985. In its plan for revival of MFIL, HLL has not sought any relief on rehabilitation and has categorically intimated the BIFR that is is confident of turning around the Company with its management strength and capability of injecting additional funds. BIFR has not yet given its orders on HLL's plan for revival of MFIL.

Performance of disinvestment

316. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's record in meeting disinvestment targets has been dismal since it was launched in the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, the target fixed every year and the actual achievement since 1991-92;

(c) the reasons for failure to meet the targets; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the disinvestment policy being followed so far in view of the dismal record in meeting the targets?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The annual targets and the amount raised through disinvestment since 1991-92 are given below:

Year	Target (Rs. in crore)	Achievement (Rs. in crore)
1991-92	2500	3,098
1992-93	2500	1,913
1993-94	3500	NIL
1994-95	4000	4,843
1995-96	7000	168
1996-97	5000	380
1997-98	4800	910
1998-99	5000	5,371
1999-2000	10000	1,829
2000-01	10000	1,869
2001-02 (upto 28-2-2002)	12000	5,724*
TOTAL		26,045

*Amount realised/to be realised based, on the decisions taken so far [including dividend, special dividend, dividend tax, transfer from surplus cash reserves and lease rent etc.].

(c) The successful implementation of the Government decision for disinvestment in any PSU depends on a variety of factors including market conditions, interest of prospective bidders, adequacy of bid price etc. Moreover, Government never sells its stake in PSUs in distress. In view of this, it has not always been possible to meet the annual tagets.

(d) Disinvestment policy is clear and unambiguous. Whenever required, disinvestment procedures are refined further, based on experience of each transaction, to reduce the time needed to close/complete a transaction.